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Dear Brethren,

"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him." (II Samuel 22:31). Greetings in this new year in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

We are glad to be able to report that after our illness in December, things are getting back to normal. The Lord has enabled us to resume our worship services in Dongara and Port Denison, for which we are thankful. It is a blessing to see our visitors return, and we are enjoying God's blessings upon our being gathered together. We continue in prayer for these communities with the proclamation of the Gospel, that the name of Christ would be exalted and magnified, and His work accomplished.

In contemplating how quickly a new year has arrived and the renewed opportunities to serve the Lord, we would like to express our thankfulness for the faithful prayers and support that we have received over the years from so many. Your love and kindness have served to strengthen and encourage us in His work. We are blessed and we thank the Lord for each of you. May He grant us all renewed supplies of grace and mercy in the days ahead until His coming for us.

Love in Christ, Bro. Frank James

## News From The Homefront

## Look-Alike –

"But he passed away a year ago," were the words of an elderly lady at the grocery store who struck up a conversation with Frank. She said he looked just like her husband. They talked about it for a little while and then she left. Next, Frank went to a hardware store while running errands, and a man came up to him and said he reminded him of a good friend that he knows in a different city. It made us laugh, not only because it happened twice in one day, but he has been told a similar thing several times in his life. Maybe this is a common occurrence for everyone, as a few people have also told me how I resemble a friend they know. We think it's a small world, because in the end we all have descended from Noah and his family. Once I went up to a lady who was looking at the produce at the grocery store. As I got close, I said, "Hi; how are you"? Then when she turned around, I realized it wasn't my highschool friend, but a look-alike. She had a confused look on her face and acted a little afraid of me and walked away, so I didn't get the opportunity to explain.

A friend in Christ, Cvd James